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SUBJECT: 55TH SESSION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE
CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES (WP-29) OF THE ECE

1. THE 55TH SESSION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS WAS HELD
FROM JUNE 19 TO JUNE 23, 1978, WITH MR. G. POCCI FROM
ITALY AS CHAIRMAN AND MR. M. ANDRONOV FROM U.S.S.R. AS
VICE-CHAIRMAN.

2. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED REPORTS
FROM THE GROUPS OF RAPORTEURS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST
IS THE GUIDANCE GIVEN TO THE GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON
SAFETY PROVISIONS ON MOTOR COACHES AND BUSES (GRSA) TO
INCLUDE STRENGTH OF SUPERSTRUCTURE AND STRENGTH OF SEATS
IN THEIR NEXT MEETING. THE REPORT FROM THE GROUP ON
PROGRAM OF WORK (AC.2) INCLUDED A NOTE ON THE INCREASING
INTEREST WITHIN EUROPE IN ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES.
THE U.S. DELEGATE SUBMITTED A SMALL REPORT ON THE STATUS
OF WORK BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION
ON ELECTRIC/HYBRID VEHICLES. DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE
REPORT FROM THE GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON LIGHTING (GRE),
NORWAY INFORMED THE GROUP OF EXPERTS THAT IT NOW REQUIRES
MOTORCYCLISTS TO DRIVE WITH HEADLIGHTS ON AT ALL
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3. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENCE
OF MR. ERIC STORK OF EPA TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS
OF MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL.

A. MR. STORK INFORMED THE GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE SITUATION IN THE U.S. REGARDING THE EXISTING DRIVING CYCLE WHICH, HAVING BEEN DEVELOPED TEN YEARS AGO, MAY NEED REVISION TO ADEQUATELY COVER CHANGES IN DRIVING WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN RECENT YEARS. HE STATED THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS IN FAVOUR OF UNDERTAKING A COMMON INTERNATIONAL STUDY ON DRIVING PATTERNS IN VARIOUS MAJOR CITIES, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HARMONIZE FUTURE DRIVING CYCLES.

B. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION WHICH COVERED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION, THE GROUP OF EXPERTS INVITED THE GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON AIR POLLUTION (GRPA) TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE HARMONIZATION OF DRIVING CYCLES OR EVEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ONE IN THE LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS AT THE PRESENT AND PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS. ALL REPRESENTATIVES WERE INVITED TO TRANSMIT TO THE SECRETARIAT, BEFORE 15 OCTOBER 1978, ALL USEFUL MATERIAL ON THIS SUBJECT, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF GRPA WOULD FORMULATE, IF POSSIBLE, A WORKING PROGRAMME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JANUARY 1979 SESSION OF GRPA.

4. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A RECOMMENDED PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING AND STORAGE OF CARGO ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. THIS RECOMMENDED PRACTICE CORRESPONDS TO SIMILAR REGULATIONS OF THE

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BUREAU OF MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY.

5. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A DRAFT REGULATION FOR PERFORMANCE OF PASSENGER CAR BUMPERS. THIS REGULATION IS SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECTS TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD 215. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED WORK TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN PROTECTION AND PROTECTION IN SIDE IMPACTS.

6. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A DRAFT REGULATION FOR GASEOUS EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR CYCLES.

7. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED AND APPROVED A DRAFT REGULATION FOR GASEOUS EMISSIONS FROM MOPEDS.

8. THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MADE A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF A DRAFT REGULATION FOR PROTRUSIONS ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. THIS WAS SENT BACK TO THE GROUP OF RAPORTEURS ON GENERAL SAFETY FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

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